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Attention Mrs Neuhardt

Keep this study together.

JAN 17 1968

Mr. Walther A. Kollacks
President
German American National Congress, Inc.
4718 Lincoln Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Mr. Kollacks:

The President and the Secretary of State have asked me to reply to your letters of January 10, 1968 asking the opinion of the United States Government on the release of the prisoner Rudolf Hess from Spandau Prison.

As you are aware, Mr. Hess's confinement is a responsibility of the United Kingdom, the United States, France and the Soviet Union established by an act of an International Tribunal. A decision by the United States alone could not, therefore, effect a change in his situation.

It is a matter of public record that in 1964 and again last year, the American Government together with the British and French Governments made representations to the USSR for the release of Hess, without success.

Very truly yours,

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs

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CONTROL NO. 749

TO EUR - Mr. Meresman

DATE 1/16/68

SUBJECT: KX 1/10 ltr to LBJ fm Walther A. Kollacks, re U.S. opinion in matter of release of KK K Rudolf Hess fm Spandau Prison.

___ Prepare a Read to _____ memo enclosing or containing:
___ Draft reply for President's signature.
___ Draft reply for signature by _____.
___ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.
___ Comment or recommendation.

___ Direct reply:

___ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.
___ Comeback copy required for S/S.

XXX Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:
___ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

XXX Refer to White House request of 1/15 - Mr. Shoemaker.

___ FYI

___ Due in S/S by _____.

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.

2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.

3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".

4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

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Chicago, January 10th, 1968.

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The Honorable Dean Rusk
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Washington, D.C.

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Trusting to hear from you, we are

Respectfully yours,

German American National Congress

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To: The Secretary of State

Date: January 15, 1968

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_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.

_____ Furnish information copy.

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_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

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REMARKS.

Mr. Kollacks' previous letter of October 12, 1967, was forwarded to the Secretary of State on October 14, 1967.

Description:

X Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Walther A. Kollacks, President, German American National Congress, Inc.
Date: 1/10/68 4718 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625
Subject: Writes again requesting U. S. opinion in matter of release of Rudolf Hess from Spandau Prison; reply received to previous letter stated responsibility of Four Powers.

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By direction of the President:

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